

**Metropolitan Education Commission
Executive Board Meeting
MEC Office, 930 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.
Thursday, June 4, 2015, 7:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

Attendance: Members present: Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Dr. Kasey Urquidez
Bill Ardern, Pat Wiedhopf, Dr. Louis Albert, George Favela
Members absent: Dr. Louis Albert, Paul Lovelis
Non-members present: Edward Nossem, Felicia Ramirez

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was established.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited by all attendees.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

Motion to approve: George Favela

Second: Bill Ardern

Motion approved unanimously.

5.0 MEC FUNDRAISING – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY

Dr. Webb-Vignery and Dr. Urquidez will conference call the Helios Foundation today to discuss the Helios proposal. The proposal would be for 3 years and expanded funding. For the AmeriCorps program, there will be 24 on-site Student Ambassadors, although this has not been approved yet by the Governor's office.

Media Source America is preparing an RFP for operation of Channels 12 and 20; the MEC would have access to this resource as Dr. Webb-Vignery is designated as Education Advisor in the RFP.

The Pima County Board of Supervisors will announce the 2015-2016 Budget on June 16th; Ed Nossem will attend as Dr. Webb-Vignery will be out of town. Ana Durazo from Pima County visited the MEC office recently to discuss our contract outputs and outcomes; she indicated that we can expect a 2% cut in funding for FY 2015-2016.

Fundraising letters have been sent to those individuals/businesses that provided their business cards at the Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon.

Johanna Duffek's fundraising contract was discussed; she has submitted an invoice for a 3-month period but her contract stipulates monthly reports.

6.0 MEC RETREAT – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY

1. The MEC Retreat will take place Saturday, August 8th, 2015 at the UA Student Union; the venue is unavailable on August 15th. Dr. Urquidez indicated that the UA will provide refreshments. and should have a representative attend, possibly Melissa Vito. The 3

Committees are Education Funding, Regional College Access Center (RCAC), and the Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress (YAC/TTC); we will be sending out the list for Commissioners to select a Committee. We will assemble a panel to present on the state of education funding in Arizona consisting of an Arizona Education Association representative (possibly Jennifer Loreda), a Southern Arizona Leadership Council Children's Action Alliance representative (possibly Dr. John Pedicone), and others to be determined. The RCAC Committee will address Expansion of Student Ambassadors Program and Funding; the YAC/TTC Committee will address last year's activities, 2015-2016 Activities, and Membership Expansion.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Collaborations – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

Members of the Executive Board met with Tony Penn, CEO of United Way of Tucson & Southern Arizona, to discuss ongoing collaborations with the MEC. Regarding the MEC's representation on the Cradle to Career Leadership team, Mr. Penn suggested that phone calls be made to stakeholders. Dr. Kasey Urquidez will call Clint Mabie at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, George Favela will call Dr. Ron Marx at the UA College of Education, and Dr. Webb-Vignery will call Melinda Cervantes, Pima County Downtown Library Director.

7.2 Budget - Bill Ardern

Dr. Webb-Vignery stressed the importance of keeping our line item above \$100,000 during the slow summer months. Donation letters have been sent out (see item 5.0)

7.3 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

Besides the net income from sales of table sponsorships, almost \$2,000 in additional donations was collected from the donation envelopes (checks, cash, and credit card).

7.4 Issues – Pat Wiedhopf

Dr. Webb-Vignery and other Executive Board members met with General Ron Shoopman and Dr. John Pedicone of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council to discuss state funding for education on June 1, 2015. They will have a representative at the MEC Retreat.

7.5 RCAC – David Rodriguez (not in attendance)

We are moving forward with the new Helios Education Foundation proposal; David Rodriguez is compiling the 2014-2015 Final Report for Helios. Data shows that the RCAC's efforts have doubled scholarship awards to high school students to attend college in the last year.

7.6 Appointments – Paul Lovelis (not in attendance)

George Favela has suggested Guillermo Figueroa to represent the business community on the Commission. We need a Religious Community appointment (the Interfaith Council was suggested as a source contact), a Private/Accredited Schools appointment, and a Youth Commissioner appointment (see agenda item 7.7).

Election of MEC Board Officers – we need to name a nominating committee; the nominating committee recommends officers and the Commission votes on them. Names suggested for the Nominating Committee included Aaron Myers, Javier

Herrera, and Jen Darland. Dr. Urquidez is not continuing as Executive Board Chair; Dr. Albert can continue to represent Pima Community College until the Chancellor recommends a replacement. It was suggested at the last Executive Board meeting that the current Executive Board stay on until October 2015.

7.7 YAC/TTC – Paul Lovelis (Not in attendance)

As Youth Commissioner David Nicholson has resigned, we need a replacement. It was agreed that YAC/TTC President Maggie Zheng be contacted to see if she would like to fill in as Interim Youth Commissioner until the YAC/TTC can hold an election on the matter. We will be stressing new member recruitment at the MEC Retreat and during the coming year. New YAC/TTC officers will be elected at the September 16, 2015 meeting.

7.8 Key to Employment Symposium – Ed Nossem

We have secured the UA Student Union for Wednesday, February 3, 2016 for the 2016 K2E event. We will sound out the YAC/TTC regarding exhibitors that would be of interest to youth.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

Motion to Adjourn: George Favela

Second: Bill Arden

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.